Introduction of modified excise system in the old allom.

27. *Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) from what date the modified excise system was introduced in the old allom;

(*b*) what is the quantity fixed as Government dues per cent. of pan area per annum;

(*c*) whether they have been able to realise in full the quantity fixed as Government dues; and

(*d*) if not, will they be pleased to state the reasons?

Mr C. O. Madhavan: (*a*) Thye Pani 1107.

(*b*) 9 maunds.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) On account of the poor yield due to unusual rains during the manufacturing season.

Reduction of Government dues from the old allom.

28. *Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai*: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that they reduced the quantity fixed as Government dues from the old allom from 9 to 6 maunds for the year 1108; and

(*b*) the reasons for such action?

Mr. C O. Madhavan: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) As many of the licensees were not able to manufacture more than 6 maunds per cent. of pan area on account of unfavourable weather conditions.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: Sir, with your permission, I wish to make a suggestion. There are a number of questions tabled for answers by us. Both yesterday and to-day we find that question time has occupied only half an hour and only 15 questions have been answered each day. There are about 167 questions, I mean starred questions, for this session. Since on both days there was half of the time allowed for the questions left unused for that purpose, I would request that some more questions may be set apart for each day so that we may get at least answers for quite a large number of questions.

President: I fully sympathise with the honourable member who has complained about the smallness of the number of questions that were tabled for yesterday and to-day and it is equally true that, although under the Standing Orders one full hour is allotted for the purpose of asking questions and giving answers, not more than a moiety of the time was necessary in these days. I shall certainly try to impress upon the members of the Treasury Bench their obligation to supply answers to questions that have been received in time promptly and expeditiously so that the House may be kept fully engaged for the whole time that has been specified for asking

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and answering of questions and I hope that every effort will be made on the part of the Government Officers who have not sent up their answers to be as prompt as circumstances might permit.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE TRAVANCORE SURVEY AND BOUNDARIES REGULATION (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai: (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, I present the Report of the Select Committee on the Travancore Survey and Boundaries Regulation (Amendment) Bill and beg to move that the Bill as reported by the Committee be taken into consideration.

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: I second it.

President: Moved and seconded that the Report of the Select Committee on the Travancore Survey and Boundaries Regulation (Amendment) Bill be taken up for consideration.

The motion was carried.

Clauses I and II.

President: The question is whether Clauses I and II do form part of the Bill.

The motion was carried and Clauses I and II were added to the Bill.

Preamble.

President: The question is whether the Preamble be added to the Bill.

The motion was carried and the Preamble was added to the Bill.

Title of the Bill.

President: The question is whether the title shall be added to the Bill.

The motion was carried and the title was added to the Bill.

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai: I now proceed to the third reading of the Bill. Before making the motion for the passing of the Bill, I beg to move a formal amendment in regard to the short title of the Bill. I move that in Clause I, sub-clause (1.) line 2, for the figure 110 the figures 1110 be substituted.

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: I second it.

President: Moved and seconded that in Clause I, sub clause (1), line 2, the figure 110 be altered into 1110.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai: I move that the Bill as now amended by the House be passed.

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: I second it.

President: Moved and seconded that the Travancore Survey and Boundaries Regulation (Amendment) Bill as amended by the House be passed.

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